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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Katsunori KAWANO et al.

Application No.: 09/708,498

Filed: November 9, 2000

For: OPTICAL STORAGE MEDIUM, OPTICAL

STORAGE METHOD, OPTICAL STORAGE APPARATUS, OPTICAL READING METHOD, OPTICAL READING APPARATUS, OPTICAL RETRIEVING METHOD AND OPTICAL

RETRIEVING APPARATUS

Group Art Unit: 1756

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LARGE ENTITY REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.114, Applicants hereby request continued examination.

Applicants further request entry and consideration of the attached submission.

The above-identified application was filed on or after June 8, 1995. Thus, entry is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(d).

Please suspend action on this application for three months under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c).

Attached hereto is our check no. 150985 in the amount of \$\infty\$ \$900.00 as payment of the fees set forth in 37 C.F.R. \\$1.17(e) and (i). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this page are enclosed.

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